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AGENDA

June 5, 2003
8:30 AM
Office of the State Fire Marshal
1035 Stevenson Drive
Springfield, IL 62703

Meeting called to order by David Butt, Chairman

Acceptance of minutes from last meeting (04/03/2003)

Recognition of LEPC members and visitors

Old Business

Report on Tier II Filings

One final report received bringing the final total to 90

Report on SCR scrubber and NH3 storage at CWLP

Report on SFD training drill

Report on FEMA Local Emergency Operations Planning Grant

Report on Winnebago County LEPC Conference

Other

New Business

Designation of Matt Helms as Sangamon County LEPC Senior Planner

Notifications, incidents and other filings since last meeting

Other

Next meeting: August 7, 2003

Motion to adjourn

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Minutes of the Sangamon County LEPC Meeting - June 5, 2003

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:33 a.m. at the Office of the State Fire Marshal, 1035 Stevenson Drive by David Butt, Chairman. Members present were: John Brennan, Memorial Medical Center; David Butt, Sangamon County ESDA; Brian Churchill, St. John's Hospital; Ray Cooke, Springfield Department of Public Health; Dave Farris, CWLP; Tom Fraase, Sangamon County Board; Glen Gardner, Mid-West Family Broadcasting; Matt Helms, Springfield Fire Department (Retired) and Kevin Switzer, Springfield Fire Department

Visitors were: Jeff Bassett, Hazmat Team, Springfield Fire Department; Whitney Cassens, Springfield Department of Public Health and Mike Moos, State Fire Marshal's Office.

Brian Churchill made the motion to accept the minutes of the April 3, 2003, Sangamon County LEPC Meeting as presented, seconded by John Brennan. The minutes were unanimously accepted as written.

Old Business

It was reported at the last meeting that 89 of an expected 90 Tier II forms had been filed. This final Tier II form has since been filed.

A report was given on the delivery and storage of anhydrous ammonia at the CWLP plant. CWLP is also working on updating its chlorine safety plan.

There will be a meeting on June 12, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. at Fire House Number 1, for planning of the exercise which Springfield Fire Department wants to conduct for hazardous materials.

An update was given on the FEMA Local Emergency Operations Planning Grant (LEOP). An application was made by Sangamon County. The LEOP Grant is designed for weapons of mass destruction (WMD) planning only. Matt Helms is a contractual employee (for 5 months) to create a WMD annex for the county's plan. The strategy will be to write the WMD annex and, after the grant has been satisfied, later use the information obtained to update our hazardous materials plan. Matt advised several members of the LEPC that he will be contacting them for an interview visit to get information on their preparedness for a WMD event.

A report was given on the Illinois Terrorism Task Force's plan to provide first responders with respiratory equipment. It was mentioned that a respiratory physical and fit test will have to be done for proper and safe use of this new equipment.

Kevin Switzer, Matt Helms and David Butt attended the Winnebago County LEPC Conference in May. A report was made on the conference and services provided.

A report was given on the railroad derailment in southern Illinois at Tamaroa.

A report was given on the TOPOFF2 exercise. It took a lot of time to prepare and debrief. Different twists were drawn into the mix during the exercise. The interface with FEMA Region V appeared very good. Some intentional change recommendations were developed. The VNN (Virtual News Network) was very helpful. Matt Helms worked as a controller in the City of Chicago EOC on 12 hour shifts. It was very interesting to see in operation. Often, information when received would require a second source to confirm it before action was taken. Mike Moos was in the State EOC and gave a report. Ed Leach was very helpful with the project and was allowed to stay with IEMA beyond his early retirement deadline until TOPOFF2 was completed.

Earlier this week the State emergency alert system (EAS) was accidentally activated on a statewide basis. This system is greatly depended upon, but is not fool-proof.

A report was given on a missing person in April, who was found within 30 minutes after a vehicle description was broadcast over the Mid-West Family group of radio stations. The steps which led to the successful conclusion of this incident were transacted by Bill Russell and Glen Gardner while our LEPC was meeting on April 3rd with few of our members realizing that this was transpiring in our midst.

New Business

The chair asked that Matt Helms' role with the LEPC be designated as Senior Planner for the LEPC. Brian Churchill made the motion giving this designation and Kevin Switzer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A report was given on an incident that happened on April 10, 2003. It was reported that a spill of 28% nitrogen fertilizer solution and 6 gallons of Guardsman occurred. The hazard involved with the disposal of the contaminated soil was considered minimal.

A report was given on the new Department of Justice assessment that may be required before the next round of funding will be distributed. More information will be coming to all counties.

Updates were given on West Nile virus, tick populations and the City of Springfield Hometown Security Office. The Nation will be gearing up for Phase II of the Smallpox vaccination process. Issues to be determined include liability and compensation. Phase II will involve first responders including some who are members of our LEPC.

Our next meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. Because of preparations by many of our members for the beginning of the State Fair and the large number of vacations taken in August, this date is subject to change.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.